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29 AUG 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : Questionable Activities

REFERENCE : Memorandum of 21 May 1973, Subject: "Potential
Flap Activities" and Succeeding Memoranda

1. May I express my deep appreciation for your assemblage of the referenced memorandum and your collection of other possible problems of this type. I utilized your memorandum in a detailed page-by-page review with Congressman Nedzi and Senator Symington, and a general review with Senator Stennis. I believe this exposure to these responsible Congressional leaders has played a substantial role in developing a sense of confidence in the Agency and an understanding of the commitments I undertook in my confirmation hearing. I am planning for the latter commitments to be circulated to all senior officers of the Agency for compliance, and will arrange this when the printed record is available.

2. Separately, pursuant to the Management Committee discussion on 17 August 1973, a procedure has been established for the review of our assistance to other agencies. This should ensure that CIA activities of that nature, current and future, will remain clearly within our statutory charter.

3. In the attachments to this memorandum, I discuss the specific matters covered in your referenced collection and in covering memoranda to each Deputy Director give specific direction with respect to these activities. I request that you arrange for their passage individually to the appropriate Deputy. In this fashion we can ensure that the individual actions are subjected to clear direction but that the total package is held on a most restricted and sensitive basis. To facilitate this process, I am giving direction on a separate page for each activity so that the Deputy can forward it separately to the appropriate office. I would appreciate your consolidating reports of action taken and advising me of any further question or difficulty which may be surfaced by the offices in question.

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Attachments

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Care in Relation to Significant Domestic Events

All Deputy Directors will exhibit particular sensitivity to the possible coincidence of CIA training, testing, or support activities and significant domestic, political or other events to which they could be wrongly related by the unwitting observer. This refers particularly to political conventions, the activities of dissident groups, etc., in which cases CIA activities should be deactivated, moved away, or suspended temporarily.

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SUBJECT: FBIS Incidental Monitoring of U.S. Citizens

FBIS monitoring of foreign radio broadcasts and speeches of U.S. citizens is approved when this is an incidental aspect of our coverage of foreign radio broadcasts.

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SUBJECT: Linguistic Service to DEA

FBIS is authorized to continue to provide linguistic services to DEA, provided that the linguist in question is detailed to the DEA for this activity and that CIA is not involved in the activity directly. (Linguists are equally authorized to operate for the FBI under the same circumstances.)

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Reporting on Dissident Groups

Reference to U.S. dissident groups can appear only in the most incidental form in CIA publications, and no study in depth will be developed of such groups, such as occurred in OCI publications in 1967 and 1968. However, it is appropriate to focus on significant foreign intelligence such as black radicalism, even when such subjects have substantial impact on domestic situations.

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